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School board to discuss union bargaining proposals, other issues tonight

Cuts could eliminate more programs on top of those earlier trimmed but restored this year

The Pleasanton School board will discuss the district's and its teachers' union contract proposals for the upcoming school year at its meeting tonight.

The two proposals are especially important this year as the district – and districts across the state -- grapple with another set of state budget cuts that could mean the elimination of summer school and adult education altogether, along with a host of other popular programs that were restored this year through fundraising.

As has been the case for the last few years, Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, will brief the board on the latest budget figures from the state. Much of the budget remains in limbo until Gov. Jerry Brown releases his final figures in the May revised budget.

The board will also hold its first discussion on policy that would allow drug-sniffing dogs at the district's three high school campuses. The board is expected to approve its new policy by the end of the month and the dogs could be on campuses, with approval from Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi immediately after the approval.

Student performance is also up for discussion tonight with a report on the California Standards test.

The meeting will be held starting at 7 p.m. in the district's board room at 4665 Bernal Ave.

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